



NOAA Ship NANCY FOSTER

NANCY FOSTER was originally built as a Navy yard torpedo test (YTT) craft. The Navy transferred the vessel to NOAA in 2001 and NOAA outfitted the ship to conduct coastal research along the U.S. Atlantic and Gulf coasts and the Caribbean Sea. **NANCY FOSTER** is named for Dr. Nancy Foster, in tribute to her outstanding contributions in advancing NOAA's mission through her leadership within the National Marine Fisheries Service and National Ocean Service from 1986 until 2000. **NANCY FOSTER** continues the work of its predecessor, FERREL, in support of NOAA's Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management and the National Sea Grant College Program. Operations include the characterization of various habitats in NOAA's National Marine Sanctuaries, pollution assessment, and studies to improve understanding of the connection between marine habitats and estuaries. **NANCY FOSTER** is capable of trawling for bottom fish, sediment sampling, conducting side-scan and multibeam surveys, providing support for an ROV, and servicing oceanographic/atmospheric surface and subsurface buoys.

GENERAL SPECIFICATIONS

- Transferred from the Navy in 2001
- Commissioned on May 10, 2004
- Hull Number: R 352
- Call Letters: WTER
- Home Port: Charleston, SC
- Operation Area: East and Gulf Coasts, Caribbean Sea
- Length: 187 ft (56.7m)
- Beam: 40 ft (12.1 m)
- Draft Max: 11'0", Projected Draft 12'10"
- Work Area: 1,600 sq ft
- Displacement (Full Load): 1,190 tons
- Designer: McDermott, Inc
- Builder: McDermott, Inc., Amelia, Louisiana

Compliment

- Commissioned Officers: 5
- Licensed Engineers: 3
- Electronic Technician: 1
- Survey Technician: 1
- Crew: 10
- Scientists: 15

Berthing

- Single Staterooms: 5
- Double Staterooms: 10
- Quadruple Staterooms: 3
- Total Bunks: 37